# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE:	
	§ Chapter 11
RIGHT OF WAY MAINTENANCE	§
EQUIPMENT COMPANY,	§ Case No. 09-35037
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DEBTOR.	§
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### NOTICE OF DISTRIBUTION OF RETAINER

TO THE HONORABLE KAREN K. BROWN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

PENDERGRAFT & SIMON ("P&S"), counsel for RIGHT OF WAY

MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT COMPANY ("Debtor") hereby files this Notice of

Distribution of Retainer.

- 1. The Debtor's chapter 11 case was filed on July 13, 2009. Prior to filing, the Debtor's case, ROWMEC signed a Power of Attorney and Fee Contract in which the Debtor agreed to place an immediate retainer with P&S in the amount of \$10,000, and agreed to increase said retainer to \$20,000 as soon as ROWMEC was able to do so. On July 23, 2009, ROWMEC filed an application to employ P&S, attached to which was an unsworn declaration under 11 U.S.C. §§ 329 and 504 and under Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016(b) (the "Declaration") where these terms of engagement were disclosed. On July 28, 2009, said application was approved by the Court. Document No. 10.
- 2. A bill was issued for the work that was performed prepetition in the amount of \$7,262.50 in fees and \$1,039.00 for the filing fee, and said amount was paid from the \$10,000 retainer. The retainer balance, \$2,737.50, remains in P&S' IOLTA Trust Account. In addition, the ROWMEC has placed an additional \$7,500 in trust to satisfy its commitment to place a total

retainer with P&S in the amount of \$20,000. The retainer now in trust is \$10,237.50.

- 3. On July 31, P&S issued two invoices as follows:
  - a. Invoice for \$25,583 for fees relating to work performed in Adversary 09-03303, including the following: investigation of court files and documents provided by ROWMEC; numerous meetings and telephone calls with ROWMEC principals and former counsel, Don Stocking; extensive research of numerous legal issues; numerous drafts and re-drafts of the original complaint. Leonard Simon spent 41.50 hours on these matters, Robert Pendergraft spent 56.35 hours on these matters, both at an hourly rate of \$250.00. Cecilia D. Sanchez, a paralegal, spent 12.45 hours at an hourly rate of \$90.00.
  - b. Invoice for \$4,204.00 for fees and expenses relating to general chapter 11 work. The work included the following: Preparation of suggestion of bankruptcy and proceeding to Judge Hancock's court to present same at the hearing; meetings with client representatives to assist in preparation of materials for Initial Debtor's Conference; preparation of engagement application, declaration and proposed order; written and email communications with attorneys for several creditors and adversaries; several exchanges with the US Trustee; and preparation of 2004 Exam of Cambridge and negotiate with attorney for Cambridge to voluntarily turn over documents. Leonard Simon spent 8.50 hours on these matters at an hourly rate of \$350.00. Cecilia D. Sanchez, a paralegal, spent 4.6 hours at an hourly rate of \$100.00.
- 4. Under Local Rule 2015, a retainer may be applied to fees and expenses only if no objection has been filed and 20 days have elapsed from the filing and service of a notice for the distribution of a retainer.

Respectfully submitted this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing has been served by electronic transmission to all registered ECF users appearing in the case on this 16th day of August 2009. Additionally, this notice was served on the parties listed on the attached matrix by regular mail on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.

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